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Dear Jack,

Thanks for the copy of the Modern Medicine sickness. If it is a duplicate, I appreciate it and your thanking of it. And believe me, it is a sickness. I don't have time to go into the details, so I ask you to take this largely on trust.

Wecht has the best credentials, but he has never done any work on the fact, was not prepared to study the materials, and did see them under conditions that would guarantee that what was reported would get the guilty off the hook and pillory the innocent.

So far as what he says is concerned, one of two things is true of it:

- a) it isn't new, or
- b) it is bullshit.

If I think I know enough to give a dependable opinion in most areas of fact about the assassination, this happens to be the one in which I have done most work. I started warning him about boobytraps back in 1938, when I didn't think he was just another self-seeker capable of repeating all the insanity of all the nuts. He has read and probably copied the first two parts of a three-part book I have completed on the autopsy. He has seen some of the materials for the third part. Having learned what I now know of him I did not send him the third. He doesn't even remember.

One little thing can perhaps put this in perspective for you and your doctor friend. I was the first to apply for access to these materials, the day or the day after their official transfer to the Archives was announced. Then I came to see the situation and instead of keeping after getting them started establishing what they had to show separate from them. I have, I have and have in this book significant information not in the possession of the Warren Commission and in my possession (not stolen, either). It is of such a nature that if the film does not show the same thing the film is suspect. And I have other and coinciding and identical proofs obtained from other than official circles. Now, with all of this, I was solicited by the government to short-circuit the GSA-family contract. Not once but twice. I was told to apply for access again and designate a doctor to look at the film for me. I refused because there was no chance the result would not be to make those responsible for the real suppressions seem to be the only ones innocent of it, among other similar reasons. Archives and GSA both wrote me to get me to ask. If I would not, after all the work I've done and before Cyril had a chance to see anything, you may or may not agree with my position but can you doubt my seriousness in this, my concern?

I haven't time for more. I expect more of what really belongs in a low-grade barnyard from Cyril, who is one of the very few with a malpractice business. Please ask your doctor friend to watch for it. I do not see medical publications, and this can't be Cyril's last word. You see, any mention, no matter how wild, attracts attention to his malpractice business, which he can't advertise. No matter how wild he may seem to a doctor or lawyer needing such an expert, they learn of him through this stuff, which has turned off every responsible person who might consider helping, as it has again told every concerned politician to stay away.

Do you think those two women from Dallas are now less afraid? I have another friend out there who, I am sure, would be glad to tape what they can say and send it to me. He is an experienced reporter, now retired. I could then send back a tape of questions. I have been able to go much further with that and really would like to hear from them. Maybe you can get them to talk before a tape recorder? They can apply whatever restrictions they want and I'll abide by them. Since I saw you I had a long talk with Father Machann, for example, and others in Dallas. I've been there several times since I was out there. They have a justified but in this case I think wrong political slant on the Rogerses, but I am interested in their fact, their observations, as well as their suspicions. I have been able to carry that entire area so much farther forward I really would like you to speak to them and see if they'll get over their fear, which is not and then was not justified.

Sorry I haven't the money to print this book on the medical evidence. I'm too deep in debt and have no income. It is by far the hottest thing yet. It is complete except for the appendix assembling, delayed because there may be more developments and there is no prospect of printing now. Best regards,